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Felted Knitting Needle Case

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Here's a great way to store your knitting and crochet needles. Makes a nice gift, too!

LEARN TO FELT

Important to know before felting:

- It is important to record all the measurements and changes before and after felting. You will be able to either adjust or repeat the method to produce reliable and consistent results.
- Always test a sample. Different color yarns may felt differently. Some colors have to undergo the felting more than once in order to achieve the desired result.
- As yarn will be placed into very hot water, colorfastness can be an issue. Again, testing a sample will give you an indication of how the color will be affected in very hot water.
- Any knitting that has been properly felted will have a distinct texture. The knitted piece becomes very dense and matted. This will be one of the key criteria for determining that felting has occurred.

FELTING

- Put knitted pieces in top-loading washing machine. Using low water level, run a Hot/Cold cycle for 5-15 min. Put in a pair of jeans or large towel (in non-nterfering color) for extra agitation.
- Add 2 tablespoons of baking soda for a small load. After one cycle, check for size. Repeat as necessary.
- Run through the rinse and spin cycle.
- Lay felted piece flat on a dry towel, away from heat or sunlight.
- Allow to dry thoroughly. Do not use a clothes dryer.
- If an edge ripples, baste a thread through the edge and gather in. Remove the thread after the felting is dry.

BASED ON OUR CALCULATIONS

After felting, the sample is approx. 85% of the width and 75% of the length of the knitted sample before felting.

AFTERCARE

Treat your newly felted item with caution and care, do not wash in hot water or machine dry to avoid further distortion or shrinkage.

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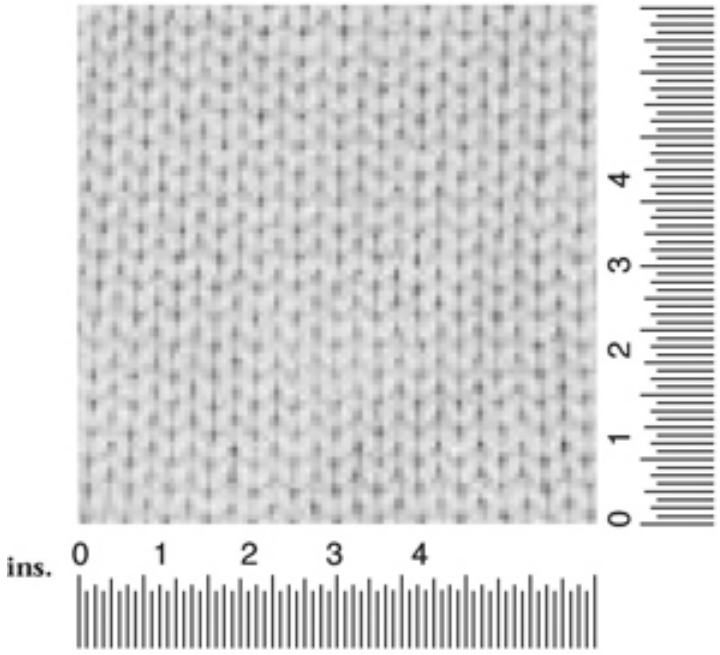
SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- 3 skeins ea. Patons® Classic Merino Wool yarns
- Grey Mix
- Dark Grey Mix
- Size 8 knitting needles or size needed to obtain gauge
- Embroidery floss
- 5mm Beads
- 2/3 yd. of 5/8" ribbon

Gauge: 19 st and 25 rows = 4" in stockinette st.



DIRECTIONS:

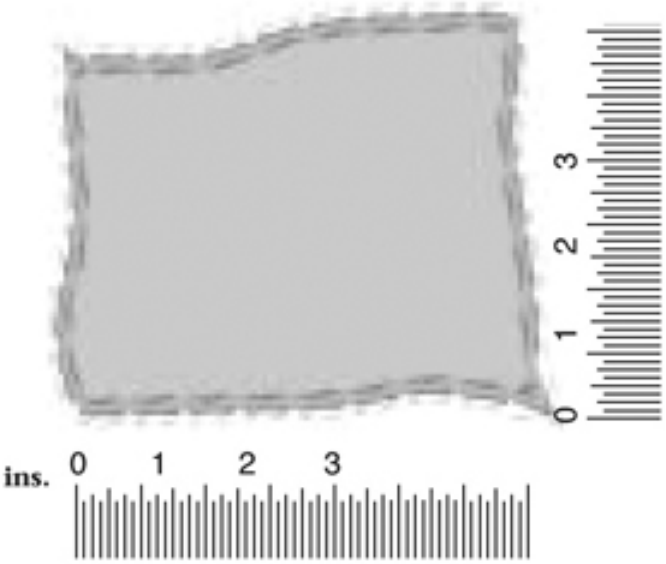
Finished size approx. 12" wide x 15" long.

Needle Case

1. Cast on 82 sts.
2. Proceed in stockinette st (knit one row, purl the next row) until work from beg measures 36", ending with RS facing for next row.
3. Cast off.

Piece for Flower Motifs

1. Cast on 35 sts.
2. Proceed in stockinette st until work from beg measures 7".
3. Cast off.



Finishing

1. Felt all pieces. Felted “Needle Case” should measure approx 14" wide x 27" long. Felted “Piece for Flower Motifs” should measure approx 6" wide x 5¼" long.
2. Cut needle case 25” long x 12" wide.
3. Fold up bottom 10” to form a pocket. With embroidery floss, blanket stitch along sides and top of case, working through both thicknesses where necessary.
4. Mark center of pocket. With embroidery floss, sew through both thicknesses from bottom to top of pocket along center line. Rep stitching 2” apart on both sides to form slots for knitting needles.
5. Trace and cut 2 big and 1 small flower motifs. (See diagram. on next page)
6. Sew flower motifs in position. Decorate with beads as shown in picture.
7. Fold needle case in half lengthwise. Wrap ribbon around case and tie as shown in picture. Tack ribbon to case if desired.

Skill Level: Some knitting experience helpful

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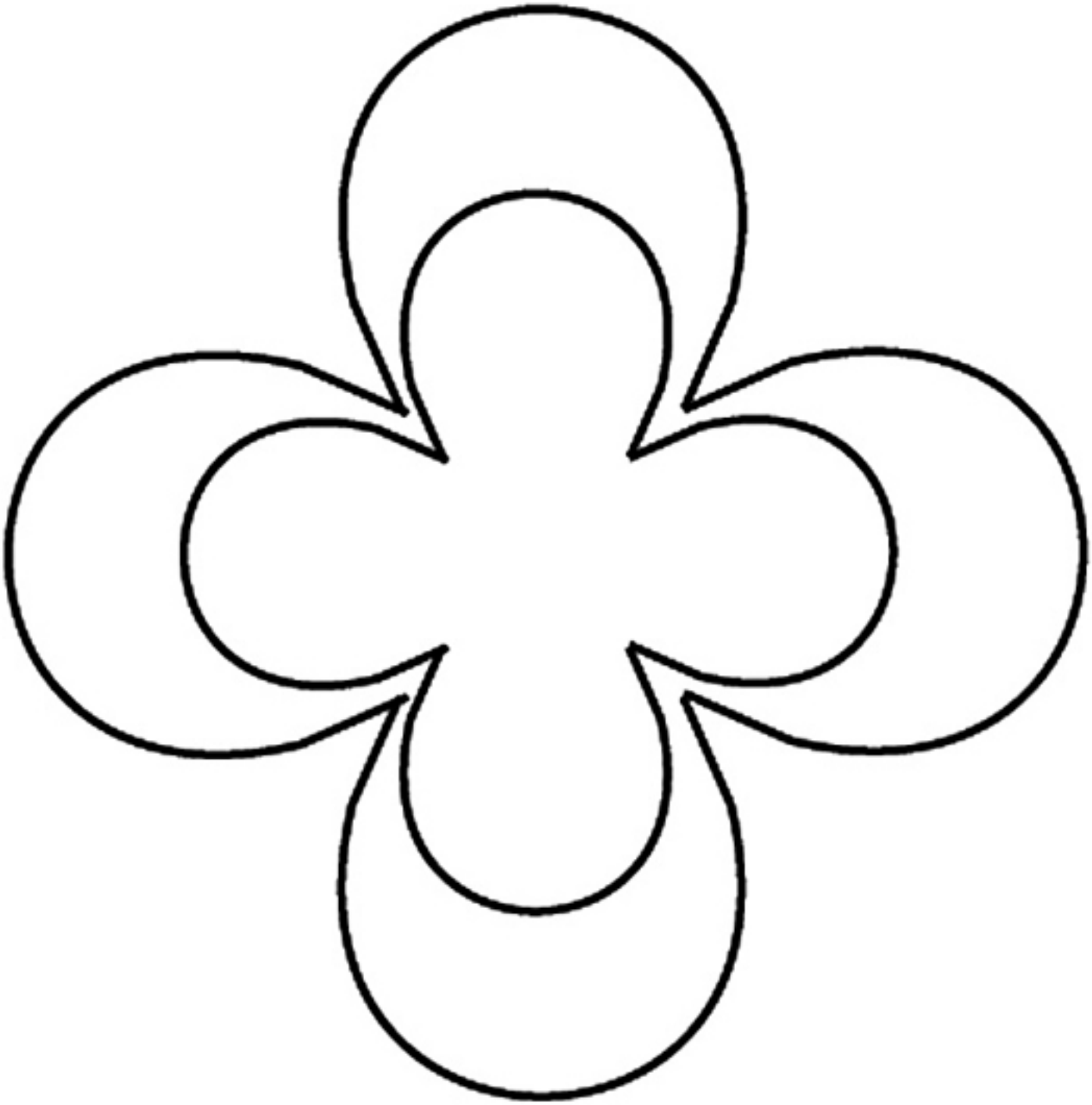

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